

**SOURCE SELECTION DETERMINATION
RFP PR-CI-09-10042**

**TESTING & EVALUATION OF HOMELAND SECURITY RELATED TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE
MEASUREMENT, SAMPLING, REMOVAL, AND DECONTAMINATION OF RADIOLOGICAL
CHEMICAL, AND BIOLOGICAL AGENTS**

1.0 DETERMINATION/SELECTION

I have determined that award of the contract resulting from RFP PR-CI-09-10042, will be made without discussions to Battelle Memorial Institute (Battelle) based on its more highly rated technical proposal and its lower evaluated cost-plus-fixed-fee (CPFF) amount (which has been found to be both fair and reasonable). The findings below support this determination, which is in the best interest of the Government.

2.0 BACKGROUND

This contract, when awarded, will provide the Office of Research and Development (ORD), National Homeland Security Research Center (NHSRC) with support for its research efforts in the detection and decontamination of chemical, biological, or radiological (CBR) contamination that may be intentionally introduced into drinking water distribution systems, ambient (indoor and outdoor) air, buildings and other surfaces.

This technical support will assist NHSRC in accomplishing its mission of enhancing public health and safety and to mitigate adverse effects of the purposeful introduction of hazardous chemical, biological, or radiological materials into the environment.

A Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee (CPFF), Level-of-Effort, term form contract will be awarded. The solicitation was issued using full and open competition procedures. The resultant contract will consist of a twelve-month Base Period followed by four (4) twelve-month option periods. The maximum period of performance will be five (5) years from contract award.

A. Competition

1. This procurement was reviewed by the Small Business Program Manager who concurred with the Contracting Officer's recommendation to solicit this requirement using full and open competition procedures.

2. Diligent efforts were made to avoid restrictive criteria in the Request for Proposals (RFP). There are no restrictions to subcontracting. No firms indicated that the RFP was unduly restrictive.

3. The procurement was synopsisized on the Federal Business Opportunities website on April 10, 2009. The RFP was made available at the EPA website, for downloading by potential offerors, on June 22, 2009. Amendment 1 to the solicitation was issued July 13, 2009, to respond to technical questions from potential offerors and to post several guidance documents for development of the Quality Management Plan (QMP).

B. Request for Proposal

Three (3) proposals were received by the August 7, 2009, closing date. There were no late proposals. The proposals were submitted for technical evaluation on August 10, 2009. During the technical evaluation panel (TEP) consensus meeting held on August 1-2, 2009, I provided administrative guidance and assistance and was present for the proposal evaluation discussions conducted by the TEP. The purpose of my participation at the consensus meeting was not to influence the outcome of the TEP deliberations, but rather to ensure all points made by the TEP were adequately supported. The TEP report was received on September 16, 2009.

3.0 Evaluation Methods

Scoring was consistent with the EPA Scoring Plan structure found at EPAAR 1515.305-70.

For this solicitation, offerors were informed that all evaluation factors other than cost or price, when combined are significantly more important than cost or price (EPAAR 1552.215-71(a)). The proposals were evaluated in accordance with the technical evaluation criteria set forth in Attachment 5 of the RFP.

The table of the technical points and proposed costs for the proposals are set forth below:

	Maximum						
Criterion	Points	Battelle		(b)(4),(b)(5)			
		Rating	Points	Rating	Points	Rating	Points
I. Qualifications of Key Personnel	20	(b)(5)					
II. Laboratory Facilities	25						
III. a. Corporate Technical Experience	10						
III. b. Corporate Managerial Experience	10						
IV. Past Performance	20						
V. Quality Assurance Program	10						
VI. Small Disadvantaged Business Plan	5						
				(b)(4),(b)(5)			
TOTAL	100		88				
		(b)(4),(b)(5)					
Realistic/Evaluated							

Source Selection Information-See FAR 2.101 and 3.104

Cost-Plus Fixed Fee							
Proposed Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee		\$13,237,494		(b)(4)		(b)(4)	

The IGCE for this requirement was \$ (b)(5)

4.0 ANALYSIS OF PROPOSALS

This section provides the individual technical criterion/subcriterion and the ratings and rationale for the ratings for each offeror. The rationale in this section is based on information gathered through proposal analysis. There were no discussions or clarification requests made with the offerors. I determined that discussions/clarifications with the offerors were not necessary to make the award decision, and that the conduct of such discussions/clarifications would have added little to no value to the source selection process.

(b)(4),(b)(5)

- E. (b)(4),(b)(5) Battelle proposal is technically superior and has the lowest evaluated price. Battelle has been found to be responsible in accordance with the RFP. In addition, there are no other known factors which would preclude award to Battelle.
- F. Based on my authority as the Source Selection Authority, I determine award to Battelle Memorial Institute for the proposed cost-plus-fixed fee of \$13,237,494 is fair and reasonable based on adequate price competition, supplemented by favorable results from thorough proposal analysis as documented in this decision document. No cost/technical tradeoffs are necessary, in light of Battelle having submitted a superior technical proposal at a lower evaluated cost. I determine the Battelle proposal represents the best value to the Government.

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